OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADMINISTER RYAN WHITE/HIV CARE

GRANT

DATE 12/20/00 **CC:** BOYD FILE

The State Department of Health has requested that you sign the attached letter designating Dr. Thompson to sign the agreement and all assurances required for the HIV CARE Grant.

Congress passed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act in 1990. The Act is intended to help communities and states increase the availability of primary health care and support services in order to: reduce utilization of more costly inpatient care; increase access to care for underserved populations; and, improve the quality of life of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. The Department of Health has been designated recipient of this grant since its inception. Mississippi has received approximately \$14 million through this Act over the last three years.

Your signature is requested on the attached letter.

December 20, 2000

Glenna Wilcom, Grants Management Officer HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-89 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Ms. Wilcom:

I hereby designate Dr. F. E. Thompson, Jr., State Health Officer, Mississippi State Department of Health, to sign the agreement and all assurances required for the Title II HIV CARE Grants for the current year and the remainder of my term as Governor. Any inquiries or correspondence should be addressed to his attention.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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